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Why Are Schools Billing Medicaid?

- Underfunded Federal Special Education Mandate (IDEA)
- School Staff Routinely Perform Administrative Activities to Help Students Access Health Care and Health Care Coverage
- Medicaid reimbursements = new, unrestricted federal funds to the school district



K-12 Special Ed mandate intended to be funded w/60% state/local and 40% federal dollars – Congress appropriates less than 20% (< ½) fed share so, amended Soc Sec Act in 1988 to allow schools to bill Medicaid for covered IEP services to eligible students with disabilities based claiming

-as public entities, school are entitled to claim federal matching funds for Medicaid-related outreach, enrollment, referral, case management & coordination admin activities

Two Federal Funds Recovery Options for Schools

- 1) Medicaid Claiming for Covered IEP-Required Services
- ➤ Pays Medicaid rate for IEP PT, speech, psych, nursing, etc.
- ➤ Last year: 142 districts claimed \$7.7 million for IEP services
- ➤ Total annual per district varied from \$191 \$767,4551
- 2) Medicaid Administrative Claiming ("IndianaMAC")
- ➤ Pays district % of local costs for school admin activities to facilitate healthcare access for *all* (gen & spec ed) students
- Last Year: 91 districts claimed \$4.3 million for "MAC" activities
- > Total annual per district varied from \$1,896 \$303,350

Details at http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid



- -state statute requires schools to enroll as Medicaid providers but doesn't require claiming
- -Fewer than ½ of IN public schl districts claim for IEP services last yr districts that billed for IEP services shared over \$7.7 million in new unrestricted fed \$
- -Indiana implemented MAC in Oct 2011; 100 districts participating this qrtr; last yr 91 recovered over \$4 mil

How Do Districts Decide Whether to Participate?

For MAC, Considerations Include:

- ➤ Percentage of Medicaid Enrolled Students
- > State/Local Funding of Staff Salaries/Benefits
- > Extent of Engagement in "MAC" Activities

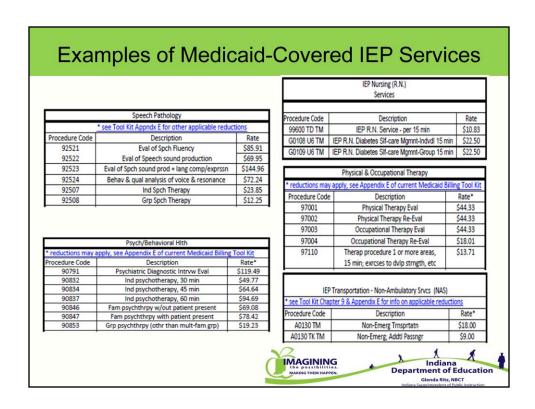
For IEP Services, Considerations Include:

- > Percentage of Medicaid Enrolled Students
- ➤ Medicaid-covered Services in Student IEPs
- Medicaid-qualified Providers of IEP Services
- > Recordkeeping Requirements/Audit Readiness



Participation in either type of school-based Medicaid claiming is strictly VOLUNTARY

Districts tend to consider these factors when deciding if it's operationally feasible & cost effective



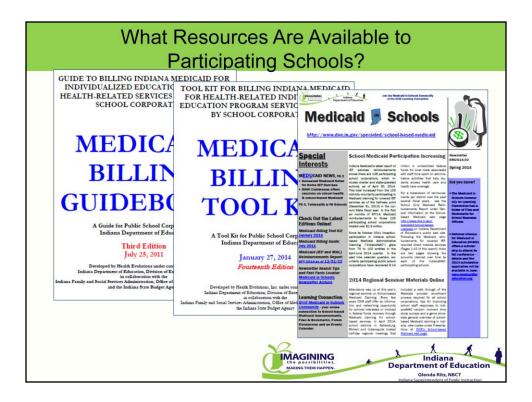
Indiana Medicaid pays schools the same rates as all other Medicaid providers of like services

Examples of MAC-Reimbursable Activities

- ✓ Providing information to students and families about Hoosier Healthwise, Medicaid, CHIP and available health care benefits
- ✓ Scheduling, coordinating or referring a student to medical, dental, vision or mental health diagnostic and treatment services
- ✓ Gathering information that may be required for service referrals
- ✓ Developing plans and strategies to improve and eliminate gaps in health service delivery for school-age children
- ✓ Meeting with parents or professionals about a child with unmet health care needs
- ✓ Coordinating or attending meetings or trainings related to Medicaid and medical services
- ✓ Arranging transportation or translation services required for a student/family to access needed health care services

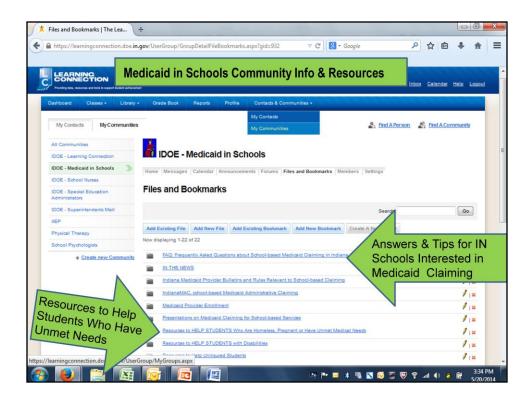


Under IndianaMAC, school districts recover a % of their state/locally funded costs for staff time spent on Medicaid-related administrative (NOT medical) services



Because schools are "atypical" Medicaid service providers and perform medically necessary services and related administrative activities in a unique setting, Indiana Department of Education assists with policy analysis and rule drafting to support school-based Medicaid claiming in Indiana

IDOE also provides **Technical assistance** and school-specific **resources** to schools interested or involved in Medicaid claiming. IDOE's public web site offers manuals, sample forms, archived newsletters, presentations and reports



In addition to the materials available on IDOE's public web site, educators with Learning Connection access can help themselves to many more helpful resources and bookmarked web sites of interest to Medicaid-participating schools

Staff at districts that DON'T participate in claiming can also take advantage of the many resources to assist students with unmet medical needs or disabilities and students who are pregnant, uninsured or homeless

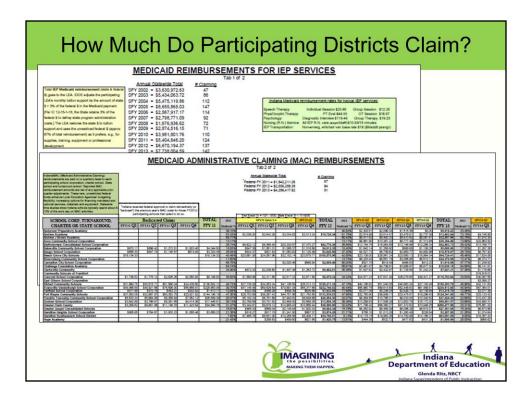
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Rather than add new systems, forms and processes, districts can simplify their day-to-day work by incorporating Medicaid claiming into their existing routines, procedures, systems and forms



SCREENSHOT of IDOE public Web site's page about school-based claiming

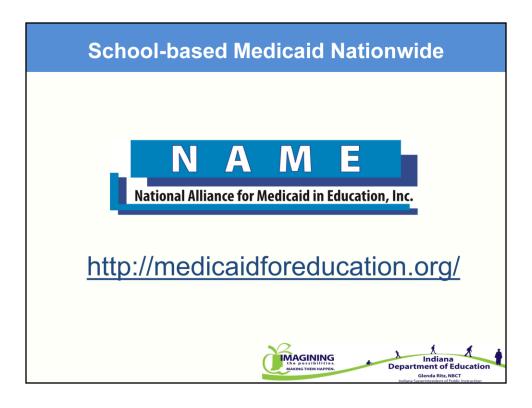
Among the resources here - a report showing Medicaid reimbursement amounts by district:



Report shows:

- -which districts participate
- -how much participating districts claim, over time, for IEP services (pgs 1-10) and MAC (last few pgs)

Report is updated twice per year (1/2 way through and at end of state fiscal year)

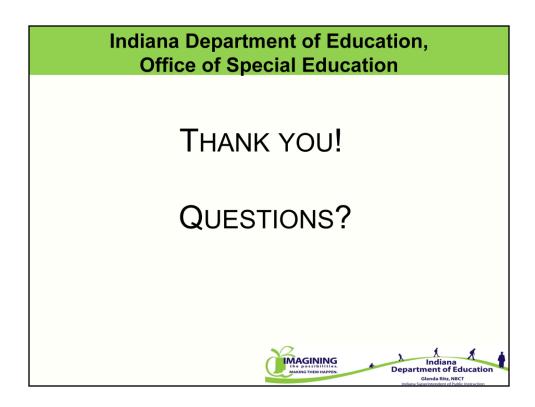


Medicaid-participating schools in Indiana can also:

- -access info on what's happening in other states
- -share best practices, tips and information with other Medicaid-participating schools across the country
- -participate in national topical calls, webinars, annual conferences

and

 -engage in public discourse on federal policies impacting school-based claiming



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